

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in the present application.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement, and requested that Applicants elect one of five identified groups of claims for prosecution in connection with the present application. The groups of claims are as follows:

Group I: including claims 1, 3-6, 11 and 19, drawn to a bioartificial implant;

Group II: including claims 2, 12-16 and 20, drawn to a bioartificial implant;

Group III: including claims 7, 17, drawn to a method of using an implant as a bioartificial pancreas;

Group IV: including claims 8, 18, drawn to a method of using an implant as a sensor in a measuring device; and

Group V: including claims 9, 10, drawn to a method for reducing the risk of formation and growth of tissue with an implant.

APPLICANTS ELECTION

Applicants respectfully elect Group I, including claims 2, 12-16 and 20, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims during the pendency of this application.

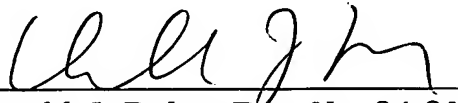
CONCLUSION

An early indication of the allowability of claims 1-20 in connection with present application is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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